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WM. POWELL,
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HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1907.

TWO PORTRAIT.

With serious eyes, unwritten brow,
Lips set in manhood's way,
He from the future, earnest now,
Hot, surges for his fray.
Weapons are ready, sword and shield,
Upright eyes and hand,
To his demand what life yield—
That face... what seige withstand?
AAR.

Wise eyes of age, no longer stern,
Beneath a brow life-lined,
You smile serene, your looks discern
Worth of what lies behind;
True size of things at last appears,
The great takes range with small,
Vanished are tremor, paltry fears,
That smile dismisses all.
—Pall Mall Gazette.

THE FORMOSA LOTTERY.

LATEST COMPLICATIONS.

PAYMENT OF THE FIRST PRIZE STOPPED.

Three Formosa Lotteries have now been held, and the first prize, ¥50,000, has been twice won in Osaka. The first winner of ¥50,000 was a man living in Sakai. He sold the winning ticket to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at a discount of 10 per cent. and so obtained a clear ¥45,000. The second Osaka winner of the first prize, as we have recently mentioned, has been involved in much trouble and annoyance, at last giving himself up to the authorities. According to the Osaka Mainichi, Chief Procurator Kokubu of the Osaka Chino Saibanho, being strongly in favour of punishing all buyers in Japan of Formosa lottery tickets, the present "winner" of the first prize will very probably be prosecuted. But as he voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities, he will probably be discharged. The prize, however, will be confiscated by the Japanese Government. The foregoing is only the view held by Procurators in the Osaka Court. According to the views of Mr. Hirunuma, Director of the Civil and Criminal Affairs Bureau in the Judicial Department, and several well-known jurists, the Court may acquit the accused.

The Osaka paper remarks that the lottery fever in Osaka, despite recent developments, continues to be active. The efforts made on the part of the police authorities to prevent the sale of tickets have proved fruitless. Since the arrest of the first few buyers, no one has been caught, on account of the difficulty of obtaining evidence. The Chief Procurator, however, is taking every possible measure to ferret out buyers of lottery tickets; some newspapers have published advertisements of agents of the lottery tickets, announcing that tickets could be bought direct from them by post or telegram. The Procurators in the Osaka Court intend to prosecute any newspaper which publishes such advertisements in the future, on a charge of instigating the purchase of lottery tickets.

The Osaka Mainichi has received a telegram from Moji to the effect that Noda Umekichi, Furukawa Yokichi and two others, who are interested (though in a questionable way) in the first prize, which was "won" by Mr. Wada Sentaro, but his ticket was appropriated—arrived at Moji on Thursday and put up at the Choso Hotel. They then visited the local branch of the Sumitomo Bank, and applied for payment of ¥50,000, the first prize, which sum was remitted from Formosa. The Sumitomo Bank, which was in receipt of a telegraphic order from the Bank of Formosa to stop payment of the money, refused the application. On reading the reports in Osaka papers relative to themselves and the winning ticket, however, for four persons in the party thought it advisable to leave Moji without delay, which they did, leaving no clue as to their whereabouts.

The Mainichi thinks that the two persons who accompanied Noda and Furukawa may possibly be Fujikawa, Mr. Wada's banio, and his wife and that the bank of Formosa may have instructed the Sumitomo Bank to stop payment on the application of Wada, the theoretical, if not actual, winner of the prize. It is evident, adds the Osaka paper, that the ¥50,000 in dispute still remains in the hands of the Bank of Formosa.

In Nagoya the police authorities have commenced operations in search of buyers of Formosa lottery tickets, in compliance with the instructions of Chief Procurator Matsuda in the Nagoya Chino Saibanho.

THE "SINS OF SOCIETY"

FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN ON DIVORCE AND FINANCE.

Preaching at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Berkeley-square, on February 17, to a very large and fashionable congregation, Father Bernard Vaughan gave the first of a series of Lenten Sermons, entitled "The Sins of Society Gauged by the Passion of Christ." They were living, he said, in a day when the world thought it had made the discovery that there was no such thing as sin. In current literature, in drawing-room conversations, in clubland, in working-men's homes, in halls and clubs, and in the so-called scientific criticisms of the day, they were reminded that they had passed from the shadow of dogma into the illumination of science.

As a man, as an Englishman, and as a priest, he denounced "the vile competition with France for the lowest birth rate in Europe," and the emulation with America, the country to discover excuses for throwing off marriage in order to enter into financial alliances.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1907.

Intimations.

THE BRIGHT SIDE.

of life. It is a feeling common to the majority of us that we do not get quite the amount of happiness we are entitled to. Among the countless things which tend to make us more or less miserable ill health takes first place. Hannah More said that sin was generally to be attributed to biliousness. No doubt a crippled liver with the muckling impure blood, is the cause of more mental gloom than any other single thing. And who can reckon up the fearful aggregate of pain, loss and fear arising from the many ailments and diseases which are familiar to mankind like a vast cloud it hangs over a multitude no one can number. You can see these people everywhere. For their life can scarcely be said to have any "bright side" at all. Hence the eagerness with which they search for relief and cure. Remedies like

WAMPOL'S PREPARATION

have not attained their high position in the confidence of the people by bald assertions and boasting advertisements. They are obliged to win it by doing actually what is claimed for them. That this remedy deserves its reputation is conceded. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Nothing has such a record of success in Scrofula, Anemia, Throat and Lung Troubles, and emaciating complaints and disorders, that tend to undermine the foundations of strength and vigour. Its use helps to show life's brighter side. Dr. H. L. Reddy, B.A., M.D., L.R.C.S., Edinburgh, L.R.C.P., London, Physician Woman's Hospital—Professor University of Bishops College, Canada, says: "I have much pleasure in stating that I have used it in cases of debility and have found it to be a very valuable remedy as well as pleasing to take." You can take it with the assurance of getting well. It never disappoints. Sold by all chemists.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the undersigned, King's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th April, 1907, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 21st March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—
a. That the words "Company or Corporation" be inserted between the words "person" and the word "for" in the second line of the definition of "The General Managers" in Article No. 2.

b. That the first five lines of Article No. 7 be eliminated and the words "The Company" in the 7th line, and that the words "Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd." shall be the General Managers of the Company and so long as they shall continue to be such General Managers, the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company" be inserted instead.

c. That at the end of Article No. 13 the following words be added:—"All signatures of the General Managers may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereunto authorized by the General Managers."

d. That the first five lines of Article No. 14 be eliminated and the words "The Company" in the 5th line be eliminated and the words "of any General Manager" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 17.

e. That the word "their" be eliminated from the first line of Article No. 17 and the words "and the" inserted instead and that the words "of any General Manager" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 18.

f. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1907.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Account for 1906, and for the purpose of declaring dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 1st April to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. BAUNDELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1907.

Public Companies.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the undersigned, King's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of April, 1907, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

a. That the words "Company or Corporation" be inserted between the word "person" and the word "for" in the second line of the definition of "The General Agents" in Article No. 2.

b. That the first five lines of Article No. 7 and the word "Company" in the sixth line be eliminated and the words "Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd." shall be the General Agents of the Company and so long as they shall continue to be such General Agents, the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company" be inserted instead.

c. That at the end of Article No. 13 the following words be added:—"All signatures of the General Agents may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereunto authorized by the General Agents."

d. That the word "their" be eliminated from the first line of Article No. 21 and the words "and the" inserted instead and that the words "of any General Agent" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 22.

e. That the words "each of them, his" be eliminated from the first line of Article No. 22 and the word "the" inserted instead and that the words "of any General Agent" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 22.

f. That the words "or the Corporation be represented" be inserted between the word "the" and the word "shall" in Article No. 33.

g. That the words "or the Corporation be represented" be inserted between the word "Committees" and the word "or" in line 1 of Article No. 39.

h. That at the end of Article No. 102 the following words be added:—"And where any share or shares is or are held by a Public Company or Corporation the Secretary, Manager, person for the time being in charge of the business of or Agent of such Public Company or Corporation shall be entitled to vote for such Company or Corporation."

2. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1907.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the undersigned, King's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of April, 1907, at 12.45 o'clock P.M., when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

a. That the definition of "Jardine Matheson & Co." be eliminated in Article No. 2.

b. That Article No. 7 be eliminated.

c. That Article No. 8 be eliminated and the following Article be inserted instead:—"Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be and they are hereby appointed the General Agents of the Company and the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company."

d. That at the end of Article No. 14 the following words be added:—"And all signatures of the General Agents may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereunto authorized by the General Agents."

e. That the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 21 be eliminated and the words "and the" inserted instead and that the words "of any General Agent" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 22.

f. That the words "each of them, his" be eliminated from the first line of Article No. 23 and the word "the" inserted instead and that the words "of any General Agent" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 23.

g. That the word "Ld" be inserted between the word "Co" and the word "at" in the 15th line of Article No. 35.

h. That the word "or the Corporation be represented" be inserted between the word "the" and the word "shall" in Article No. 31.

i. That at the end of Article No. 98 the following words be added:—"And where any share or shares is or are held by a Public Company or Corporation the Secretary, Manager, person for the time being in charge of the business of or Agent of such Public Company or Corporation shall be entitled to vote for such Company or Corporation."

2. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1907.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the undersigned, King's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

a. That the words "Company or Corporation" be inserted between the word "person" and the word "for" in the second line of the definition of "The General Managers" in Article No. 2.

b. That Article No. 9 be eliminated and the following Article substituted therefor:—"Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be and they are hereby appointed the General Managers of the Company and so long as they shall continue to be such General Managers, the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company."

c. That at the end of Article No. 93 the following words be added:—"All signatures of the General Managers may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereunto authorized by the General Managers."

d. That from the beginning of Article No. 95 down to and including the words "Head Office" in the 6th line of Article No. 95 be eliminated and the following words be inserted instead:—"So long as Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be the General Managers of the Company the signature of the said Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be necessary to all cheques drawn for any purpose on the funds of the Company at its Head Office."

e. That the words "and they are hereby appointed the General Managers of the Company" be inserted between the word "Managers" and the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 99.

f. That the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 100 be eliminated and the words "and the" be inserted instead and that the words "of any General Managers" be inserted between the word "administrators" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 100.

g. That the words "and to the Common Law Procedure Act 1854 and every or any Act from time to time in force and applicable thereto" be eliminated from Article No. 136.

h. That the word "ten" be eliminated from the 5th line of Article No. 14 and the word "Fifteen" inserted instead.

i. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

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Intimation. **A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT TO
H.E. THE GOVERNOR.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1907.

The Hongkong Telegraph HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1907. **HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT FOR 1906.**

When the preliminary shipping returns for last year were published at the beginning of the month, we ventured some remarks in explanation of the apparent decline in the shipping entering and clearing the port in 1906 as compared with the preceding year. Thursday's issue of the *Government Gazette* contains the Harbour Master's report for 1906, and a perusal of that document substantially bears out the explanation previously given of the causes contributing to the falling off in the shipping returns under notice. Lieut. Beckwith observes that for ocean vessels under the British flag there was a decrease of 208 ships of 482,855 tons. This decrease, as we correctly supposed, is mainly due to vessels under the Japanese flag returning to their various routes at the conclusion of the late war, thereby supplanting several British vessels which had been chartered in their stead, and partly to the disappearance of tramp steamers which carried stores for the opposing fleets; and dominating the 823,890 tons, ascribed in the report as an abnormal increase, practically due to the state of war existing, a legitimate increase to the British flag is shown, amounting to 411,037 tons. In British river commerce, we have already seen, there is a decrease of 29,000 tons of 711,521 tons which is due to the various disasters that befell these steamers during the typhoon in the memorable 18th of September, and to the gutting by fire of the *Harlow* in the following month. During the necessary repairs of the crippled vessels, coasting steamers of small size were utilised in some instances by the different companies. The following paragraphs of the report proceed to state that for foreign ocean vessels an increase of 442 ships of 1,271,710 tons is shown, which is almost wholly due to the Japanese vessels taking up their respective routes in place of the British vessels temporarily chartered, amounting to 591 ships of 1,275,640 tons in 1906, against 581 ships of 69,146 tons in 1905, an increase of 591 ships of 1,206,494 tons. Additionally, 100 steamers for the first time since 1901 entered the port, and assisted in the increase of 61,596 tons. Vessels under the Norwegian flag show a decrease of 135 ships of 166,093 tons. For foreign river steamers an increase of 96 ships representing 8,340 tons is shown and can be ascribed to more trips being made by vessels under the French and Portuguese flags, supplemented by vessels under the German and Japanese flags which did not compete in this trade before. The other increases and decreases are of small importance, excepting junk and steam-launch

trade within and outside the waters of the Colony. These vessels in many cases suffered disastrously in the typhoon already mentioned, and can be ascribed to the abnormal decrease shown, assisted by a gradual falling off in junk trade throughout the year. Under the heading of "trade" some idea is furnished regarding the commercial position of Hongkong during 1906. As we have frequently pointed out Japan has been to the fore with sugar, and this is evidenced by the fact that last year the total import of this commodity showed an increase of 54.6 per cent, but it appears impossible to say whether this increase may be attributed entirely to Japanese activity or whether Java is entitled to part of the credit. It is also doubtful whether the imported article was raw or refined sugar. There was an enhanced quantity of rice entering the Colony last year as compared with 1905, to the extent of 138,988 tons, and the Harbour Master states that this increase would have been greater had there not been a scarcity of cargo boats after the typhoon. Flour showed a rise of something like 25,000 tons, which is claimed as an indication that there has been a cessation in the boycott against the United States, although it might equally well be argued that it was the result of Australian efforts to take advantage of the American position. A decrease was recorded in the importation of coal. The total amount of cargo brought to Hongkong was 7,372,075 tons, of which 4,493,715 tons were discharged in the Colony, and it is satisfactory from the English standpoint to note that the lion's share of the carrying trade, both import and export, was held by British steamers. With regard to the river trade of the Colony there was a slight reduction in the imports and an equally slight increase in the exports as compared with the returns for 1905. Taking the imports and exports together we find that last year the total amounted to 507,965 tons as against 507,074 in the previous twelve months, a difference which is infinitesimal. When it is remembered that for a considerable portion of the year the river trade was practically dislocated owing to the disasters which befell the majority of the fleet as the consequence of the typhoon, it will be apparent that the returns are better than might have been expected. Had there been no calamity to paralyse temporarily the local carrying trade, it is reasonable to suppose that the returns for 1906 would have constituted a record. With regard to the passenger traffic the river boats carried 2,561,972 travellers last year between the river ports and Hongkong as contrasted with 2,673,202 for the corresponding period in 1905. The importance of the junk fleet to the Colony is evident from the fact that 39,551 vessels brought 756,941 tons of goods to Hongkong consisting of tea, fireworks, oil, rice, cattle, &c. Of the total, 495,789 tons were described as general cargo, while 252,431 tons of earth and stones were landed. At that rate the Colony should increase its boundaries at no very distant date. The exports amounted to 680,516 tons, consisting of kerosine, 485,190 cases, rice and paddy 197,853 tons, general cargo 350,704 tons, while 114,571 tons of earth and stones were removed from the Colony. Some interesting particulars of Chinese emigration from Hongkong are provided in the statistical section of the report, together with a statement of the immigration of Chinese to Hongkong. It seems that altogether 60,320 men, women and children left for the Straits during the year, but 114,568 returned, so that the Chinese population in the Southern Settlements was largely de, le el for the period in question. Those who went to San Francisco numbered 2,674 while those who returned exceeded 5,000. No fewer than 3,371, practically all male adults, left for Callao, Peru, and 233 arrived at Hongkong from that port. Nearly 6,000 were booked for British Columbia during the year, and some 2,500 returned. The totals show that there were 76,725 emigrants while 134,912 arrived once more in China. From these figures it will be seen that if ever the Chinese were a stay-at-home race, their habits are undergoing a wonderful change, the range of their travels varying from Batavia to Mexico, Melbourne to Mauritius, Seattle to South Australia. In his general survey of the shipping record for 1906, the Harbour Master remarks: "The deplorable loss of life and damage done, due to the typhoon of the 18th September, will be indelibly marked in the annals of the Colony. 51 merchant vessels of European construction suffered in the waters of the Colony; of 1,812 tons (tonnage), 22 of 22,478 tons stranded; 5 of 1,344 tons were broken against the sea wall; 13 of 21,420 tons badly damaged, and 14 of 25,133 tons slightly damaged. There were in addition 16 lighters of European construction sunk, and badly damaged, 34 launches sunk, to damaged, and approximately 1,790 native craft sunk, and in the majority of cases totally lost. It can be safely said that all craft suffered in the harbour, more or less damaged during the blow. The loss of life, I regret to say, must have been excessively high, amounting to approximately 2,000, though there are no positive records to show the actual number that perished." On the whole, considering the exceptional circumstances which marked the shipping trade of 1906, the record is far from unsatisfactory, and gives cause to hold the belief that at a port Hongkong continues to stand well in the forefront of the great ports of the world.

MURDER IN THE HARBOUR. **WOMAN STUNNED AND THROWN OVERBOARD.** **ALLEGED MURDERERS RAFFLE THE POLICE.**

Not a fortnight ago a Chinese boatman, in order to baffle the police and to put them off the scent, while he and his brother escaped from the city, made a report to the police at the Central Station to the effect that his young wife, through a boating accident, was drowned. It was not until some days afterwards, when the body had been recovered, that one of the most brutal and cold-blooded murders yet committed in this harbour was brought to light. The scheme the junkmaster devised in order to save his neck was successful. In his report of the "accident" to the police, due record of which was given in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, the junk master said that his cargo boat arrived in the harbour on the afternoon of the 7th instant, and anchored off the Harbour-master's wharf. At six o'clock, he said, his wife and himself rowed ashore in a dinghy. After they had made certain purchases the trio started to return to the cargo boat. The woman worked the punting pole, while he and his brother towed. Halfway to the junk a steam-launch, the name of which he did not know, steamed past and her backwash swamped the dinghy, throwing the occupants into the water. His wife, who was twenty-nine years of age, could not swim and sank immediately, but a few yards from her husband and the *fokei*, who were also in difficulties, they knew little of swimming. However, they managed to cling on to the overturned dinghy until assistance arrived.

The report was believed and a notice of the affair made in the occurrence book. When the body was recovered later foul play was brought to the surface. On examination of the body six nasty wounds on her head were found, the doctor being of opinion that although death was caused by drowning, the wounds on the woman's head were inflicted with a blunt weapon. A search was made for the boatman and his brother, but as far as could be ascertained they are not to be found in the Colony.

That there is a reason for the crime cannot be gainsaid—and a woman is at the bottom of that reason. The boatman, so the police were told, gave his wife to understand that he was about to get a concubine and that she was also to live on the boat. His wife objected, and since then there had been trouble. So, deciding to get rid of his wife he invited her ashore on the evening in question to make her a purchase. On returning, it is presumed, the woman was attacked from behind by her husband and his brother, and in a semi-conscious condition was thrown overboard. That accomplished, the men overturned the dinghy, and the "accident" story became known to the police.

The detectives still have hopes of capturing the pair and as they are well known both to the police and to the floating population a sharp look-out is being kept for their return.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. S. B. C. Ross has been appointed to act as Postmaster General during the absence on leave of Mr. L. A. M. Johnston, or until further notice, with effect from 27th instant.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Arthur Chapman, Major, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, to be commandant, in succession to Major Clive Gordon Pritchard, retired, with effect from the 2nd April.

MESSRS. A. H. Pennie & Co., general managers of the Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., inform us, under date 28th inst, that the Tokio Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., whose local agents are the Mitsui Bussan Kai ha, have paid their claim in full for the *Dakota* cargo.

An official trial trip was made on 13th ult. of the *Gutty-maru*, which has just been built at the Kawasaki yard for the Yangtze service of the Nippon Yusen K.isha. The trip was made between Osaka and Akashi with very satisfactory results, the highest speed developed being 15.85 knots.

CHAN Ah Tam, a shroff, residing at No. 45, Hollywood Road, was arrested at Kowloon City yesterday on a warrant. Chan is alleged to have embezzled \$500 odd from his employer—Albert Ahwee, a merchant, of their Villa, Kowloon, on the 10th instant. The case was called on at the Police Court, 1-day, and adjourned.

THE first half-yearly report of the Koba Sugar Refining Company, which has just been published, shows that the total net profit for the period has amounted to Y1,077. Of this sum, Y500 has been placed to the legal reserve; Y500 to the reserve for the maintenance of machinery and buildings; Y400 paid for bonuses to the officials; and Y70,000 for a dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum, while a surplus of Y1,077 has been carried forward.

PROF. Addison E. Verrill, the Yale geologist, last month predicted for the West Indies much greater disasters than the Jamaica calamity. He said: "From the earth's structure in the West Indies it is certain that earthquakes will occur in the islands in the next few years, beside which the Jamaica earthquake will be insignificant." Prof. Verrill spent twenty years studying the geological formation of the West Indies and is a leading authority on this subject. His address was made before the Connecticut Association of Scientists.

FROM an advertisement which appears in another column it will be seen that the celebrated Zig-zag Company of acrobats, gymnasts, clowns, &c. are to open for a short season in Hongkong at the Polo Ground, Causeway, on Monday night. We are informed that the Company consist of London and Continental "star" artists who will present for the first time in Hongkong a varied programme of performances, including weight-lifting by the Juvenile Samson, musical clowns, burlesques, farces, &c. A packed tent will be erected.

CANTON DAILY DAY. **ENGLISH DOCTOR BLACKMAILED.** **BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIONS.** **[From Our Own Correspondent.]**

Canton, 28th March.

On the 27th inst., the British Consul-General at Canton forwarded a despatch to H.E. the Viceroy stating that he has received word from an English doctor at Faishan to the effect that certain notorious robbers have sent him a letter, demanding a sum of \$5,000 from him. The Consul requests the Viceroy to at once look into the matter and arrest the robbers, and offer the doctor the necessary protection. The doctor, a short time ago, had also a large sum of money stolen from him.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

At half past three o'clock, on the 27th inst., the train from Shek-wai-tong to Faishan was exceedingly overcrowded with passengers. One of the passengers a man surnamed Su, was obliged to stand outside by the door of a car. When the train was approaching the Five-Eye Bridge, he was unable to keep his balance, and fell off the car. The man was run over by the cars and was instantly killed.

EXECUTIONS.

On the 25th instant, thirty-seven criminals, who have been sentenced to death for various crimes, were executed at Kong Po Camp at Sai Chiu. These criminals were chiefly robbers and pirates.

ANTI-OPUM ASSOCIATION.

On the 26th instant, the newly formed Anti-Opium Association of Faishan was formally opened and the ceremony was performed at its headquarters. There was a large attendance, including several local officials, and lectures were delivered by the different members and the Sincere representatives of the Anti-Opium Association, on the opium evil.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

The Canton Normal College for female students will be formally opened on the 31st instant. H.E. the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu, and other officials will be present at the opening ceremony.

EXPECTANT MAGISTRATE ARRESTED.

On the 27th instant H.E. the Viceroy issued a warrant for the arrest of Ng Chik Chi, an expectant magistrate, who is at present residing at a lodging house. Upon inquiry it transpired that the cause of Ng's arrest was in connection with some charge against him, concerning the Kiangnan Imperial Mint. He is now in custody of the Nanhai Magistrate, pending further investigations.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

A meeting of railway shareholders will be held in the Railway Shareholders Association at the Mui Lan She Wuen, to discuss matters and to draw up a protest against the directors of the Canton-Hankow Railway, for refusing to admit the Hongkong shareholders under the leadership of Chan Kang Yu and two others, to take part in the extraordinary meeting of shareholders on the 2nd proximo.

A NEW JOURNAL.

A newspaper under the title of "Comments on Railway Affairs" is established, and will shortly make its first appearance. The promoters of the undertaking are Taotai Lai Kwok Lem and the Chinese Hanlin Chung Sik Wong. The principal object of this paper will be to publish and discuss railway questions in connection with the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, and to try and bring about good management and harmony with the Company. It is the promoters' intention to stop the issue of this paper, if they can succeed in their endeavours.

HONAM THEATRE DISTURBANCE.

It is reported that in dealing with the case in which some members of the Honam police force and the Honam theatre people were implicated, and which has been already reported, the local officials have fined the managers of the Honam theatre several thousand dollars, with the alternative of closing up their theatre permanently. The theatre people have agreed to pay the fine.

MESSRS. HOWARTH, ERSKINE & CO.

On Saturday at 10 o'clock H.E. the Viceroy will receive the manager of Messrs. Howarth, Erskine & Co., engineers of Shanghai, and at 11 o'clock H.E. will receive the manager of the International Banking Corporation of Shanghai.

ROBBERY.

A robbery was committed at Ho Tong village in the Suiui district, on the 24th instant. About a dozen robbers entered the village and ransacked ten houses. The villagers were unable to offer resistance, owing to the absence of firearms; but, nevertheless, two villagers fought the rascals with choppers. After a short encounter, one of the villagers was wounded, and the robbers ultimately escaped with their spoils.

Mrs. E. Ormiston, the manager of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, received a telegram from the head office stating that the net profits of the bank for the past year to 31st December, 1906, including the amount brought forward, are £29,800, and that at the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders the directors will recommend a final dividend of 3½ per cent. and "B" shares, making 6½ per cent. for the year free of income tax; that £15,000 be placed to Reserve, £2,000 to Officers Pension Fund and £20,000 carried forward.

THE Football Shield final is to be played off on Saturday next, April 6, at a quarter past four. It is expected that the spectators will be very large, so a special service of electric cars will run to Happy Valley from three o'clock. Mr. Gray Scott has kindly arranged a special car for the two teams (Royal Artillery and Hongkong Football Club) to leave the Hongkong Hotel at half past three. The order to assist the field force, the charge for admission to the covered stand will be one dollar, and the uncovered stand fifty cents. Ladies and club members will be provided with commodious seats.

WATKINS, LIMITED. **ANNUAL MEETING.**

The eighth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of Watkins, Limited, was held at the office of the concern, at noon, to-day. There were present: Messrs. G. A. Watkins (chairman), A. R. Lowe, Chan A Fook, and Chow Hon Wah.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—We will, with your permission, take the report and accounts, now before the meeting, as read. We have a lean year to chronicle. Business throughout 1906 was slack, with nothing special in our favour. The falling off is entirely in sympathy with the general all-round depression which has been felt during the period under review. You will observe from the statement of accounts before you that substantial amounts have been written off the company's assets. We trust these appropriations meet with your approval. The result for the year on trading shows a profit of \$9,596.10, being an increase on the previous year. To attain this result, your general managers had to exercise the utmost care and economy in working the business. I would especially call your attention to the fact that the salaries and wages alone show a reduction of over \$500; charges account are about \$500 less than previous year, and sterling liabilities are over \$500 less. Your mortgage account has been considerably reduced and before our next annual meeting—which will be held in May, 1908, in order that the accounts should be ready an inconvenience to all—this liability will be wiped out from the accounts entirely, thus putting us in a easier position. I feel sure you will be pleased to know we have a credit balance in the Bank in lieu of owing the Bank money. I don't think there is anything in the accounts calling for special attention, but I should be pleased to give any further information you may wish.

No information was required.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Chow Hon Wah seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman—I thank you for your attendance, gentlemen. Sorry there are no dividend warrants.

That ended the meeting.

THE REPORT.

The report is as follows:—Gentlemen,—We beg to submit to you our report and statement of the accounts of the Company for the year ended the 31st December, 1906.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The result for the year on the trading shows a profit of \$9,596.10, which must be added the surplus of sub-rents received over Crown rent and taxes paid, \$59,461; making a total of \$98,057.10.

This, your general managers find necessary to allocate to meet interest on mortgage and loans, \$4,991.13; depreciation \$5,750.23; and the balance, \$1,744.74 as a reserve against unforeseen losses on debts carried forward as good.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe and Bingham.

CHAN A FOOK, General Manager.
G. A. WATKINS, Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1907.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

To mortgage interest (instalments) ..	\$1,679.95
To interest on loans and overdrafts ..	1,311.18
Depreciation ..	5,750.23
Shop fittings and furniture at 5 per cent.	\$1,012.31
Stock in trade	3,737.91
	57,500.23
To reserve for doubtful debts	1,744.74
	\$98,057.10
By gross profit on trading	\$9,596.10
By rents receivable	\$31,200.00
By less rents and taxes paid	2,730.54
	\$38,965.56
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.	
Liabilities.	
Capital: 10,000 shares of \$10 each, fully paid \$100,000.00	
Credit secured by mortgage	\$5,000.00
Loans secured by mortgage	2,000.00
Loans payable	2,000.00
Trade creditors	4,793.80
Open accounts	5,675.05
Unclaimed dividends	49.10
	17,959.95
Building Depreciation Reserve Account:	
As per balance sheet 31st Dec, 1905 ..	13,000.00
Reserve for doubtful debts:	
As per balance sheet 31st December, 1905	\$2,670.62
Transferred from 1906	1,744.74
Profits	1,744.74
	\$3,914.21
Deduct:	
Bad debts written off, less recoveries	661.46
	3,252.75
	\$14,112.71
Assets.	
BUILDING:	
As per last balance sheet 31st Dec. 1905 (see reserve per contra) ..	\$6,909.24
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS:	
As per balance sheet at 31st December, 1905	\$13,415.40
Less depreciation at 15%	2,012.31
	11,403.09
AERATED WATER PLANT:	
As per balance sheet 31st December, 1905	1,106.50
50% ON HAND	\$8,138.19
Less depreciation written off 1906 profits	3,737.91
	54,400.37
DEBTORS:	
Trade	\$25,048.75
Sundry	6,608.57
	31,657.32
UNPAID FIRE INSURANCE & LICENSES:	
CASH:	
Russo-Chinese Bank	\$1,230.57
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	4,710.00
In hand	1,446.72
	7,387.29
	\$14,112.71
CHAN A FOOK, General Manager. GEO. A. WATKINS, General Manager.	

THE POKROOLU MURDER. **ARREST OF ALLEGED MURDERER.** **"I PLEAD GUILTY TO ALL."**

After having successfully eluded the police for three days, Cheung Tai, the alleged murderer of Yim Hung, a farmer, of Pokroolu, returned to the scene of the murder on Thursday night and was captured. He took his arrest very calmly.

It will be remembered by our readers that on Monday afternoon, last, a most dastardly murder was committed in a match on the Pokroolu Road. The matched over looks Telegraph Bay and is immediately below the Dairy Farm Company's cowsheds. In this match—and for a reason which was not definitely known at the time—Yim Hung was brutally beaten to death and an attempt made on the lives of his two children—a boy, six years of age, and a girl, three years old—who are at present in the Government Civil Hospital recovering from various knife wounds.

Since the arrest of the alleged murderer the real cause of the crime has been made known to the police.

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE.

In order to give an account which led to the crime it would be well if we started at the beginning. The match in which the crime was committed has been the property of the alleged murderer's mother for about a quarter of a century. Twenty years ago the deceased, who was scarcely in his teens, was engaged by the owner of the shed as a farm labourer. He proved himself a willing worker and was much thought of by his mistress. Ten years later Yim Hung took to himself a wife. At this period he was joined by his mother, Cheung Tai and Yim Hung got on well together until it was discovered by the former that more favours were showered on Yim Hung by his mother than was necessary, while he was left in the cold. Some time last week both men became ill. They had no money with which to buy medicine. Cheung Tai begged his mother for some and was refused. Yim Hung next applied and was successful. On the following night (Sunday) Cheung Tai's mother killed a fowl, the meat of which was boiled in wine, and given to Yim as medicine. Cheung Tai was not thought of. Wild at the thoughts of this secret alliance between his mother and Yim Hung, he decided to settle the matter. Shortly after mid-day on Monday last, Cheung Tai, who had been working the whole morning, entered the matchshed. He found Yim Hung lying in bed, his son lying alongside him, and his three-year-old daughter asleep in a nursing basket, which was swung from the ceiling. The sight of the trio made Cheung Tai's mind mad. He was sick and had to work. Yim Hung was sick also and was allowed to lie back, while he partook of all that was good. Picking up a chopper and shouting at the top of his voice, "You'll eat no more chicken," he, so it is reported, made for Yim Hung and killed him. When he turned his attention to the sleeping boy and next to the child in the nursing basket, both of whom he seriously injured.

HIS ESCAPE.

Having accomplished what he desired he sought means to escape. With four hours' clear start he took to the hills, and after remaining there for a while he was taken to a house in Queen's Road West by a friend, who was anxious to get the alleged murderer out of the city. Quietly concealed in this house the friend received instructions to board the Sai U Chung steamer *Tai Nin* alone, so as to pave the way for the alleged murderer who was to follow shortly. On the way to the steamer the friend was arrested. Hearing of this act the alleged murderer on the way again, as he feared his friend would make his whereabouts known to the police. He left West Point not very long after his friend's arrest and journeyed to Wanchai, residing at Lau Fung Lane for a time. But believing he was unsafe in the house, he hurried one took to the hills between Robinson and Cairns Roads. There he remained for a time without food and exposed to the weather. On Thursday night he decided to return to the matchshed—the prisoner said to give himself up to the police—the police say to get some clothing. However, that may be, at eight o'clock that night Indian constable 690, who was guarding the premises until a plan of the shed had been taken, heard a dog barking and looking in that direction saw a man crouching down the hillside. The policeman hid himself away and when the man had got within reach he was seized. He was taken to the village and the people who were awakened, identified the man as Cheung Tai, the alleged murderer of Yim Hung. He was removed to No. 7 Police Station.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Cheung Tai, a most inoffensive looking man, standing about five feet high, was called upon to answer a charge of murder and two charges of attempted murder.

He paid no attention to the numerous eyes which were focussed on him, and when called upon to plead to the charges, he looked up in a most indifferent manner and said—"I plead guilty to all!"

The hearing of the case was adjourned for a week.

IMPROVEMENTS AT POKROOLU.

Several improvements are to be shortly carried out by the municipal authorities at Pokroolu. Mr. Roger S. Green, the U.S. Consul at the Siberian port, writes: "Washington, that the municipality has determined to undertake by itself the construction of the electric street railway and power plant. No definite project had yet been adopted, but an engineer is engaged upon plans and estimates. The present intention seems to be not to give the contract for the whole to one firm, but to give the necessary material to a number of different parties. A Spanish firm has been asked to supply the electric material, and a Russian firm to supply the material for the street lighting. It is to be \$160,000 gold."

Telegrams.

[Reuters.]

France and Morocco.

LONDON, 27th March.
M. Pichon, speaking in the Chamber, enumerated a long list of grievances for which no reparation had been made by Morocco. The list included other murders and assaults, also obstructions to French commerce.

France has now demanded the exemplary punishment of the murderers of Dr. Mauchamp, compensation to the family, the imprisonment of the Governor of Marrakech and the fulfilment of previous demands. France appeals to the common action of all Europeans in Morocco in face of the most savage and the most fanatical of Mussulman populations.

This is manifestly addressed to Germany.

Murder of a Russian in Persia.

The correspondent of the *Daily Mail* in Teheran wires that a Russian subject has been murdered by the populace at Sahzevar.

Explosion in a French Torpedo Boat.

28th March.

An explosion has occurred in a French torpedo boat at Cherbourg, by which several of the crew have been severely injured.

The Trouble in Roumania.

The burning, plundering and rioting continue in many places in Northern Roumania.

France.

There was an impressive scene in the Chamber yesterday, when bitter adversaries shook hands and promised to support the Government in the present crisis.

Several Bills for alleviating the distress of the peasants, by abolishing oppressive taxes and restricting holdings and trusts, were passed unanimously.

Mail Contracts.

There has been a discussion in the House of Commons concerning the Hongkong mail contract via Canada, some Liberals objecting to the expense.

The Government defended the contract which was ratified by 161 to 22.

Roumania.

The Roumanian troops have killed and wounded 200 of the pillaging peasants at Olt Dambovitza districts. The peasants have committed most terrible atrocities on the captured farmers and landowners, and even women and children have been done to death in the most brutal ways.

Probable Loss of a Newfoundland Sealer.

The Newfoundland sealer *Greenlander*, with 183 people on board, broke her shaft in a blizzard on Sunday. She was seen drifting in a helpless condition and has not been heard of since.

It is feared that she is lost.

TYPHOON WARNING.

We are favoured by the U.S. Consul-General with the following telegram—

"Manila Observatory, 10 o'clock a.m.
"Typhoon N. E. of Yap Island, Western Carolines. Direction unknown"

BOOKS on the Far East are accumulating so fast that some of them have a very far-eastern chance of getting to the hearing that in some cases they deserve, but one of them, announced by Messrs. Methuen, bids fair to rank among the best. "In S. S. and P. in the Far East," Mr. Feyerabend, who is well known as a special correspondent, has brought together the sum of his observations of men and things during a prolonged tour in Manchuria and the East. He examines the capabilities of the new Chinese army and the limits imposed by race characteristics upon the situation which has arisen since the Russo-Japanese war; all this with a simplicity and pictorial directness which carry the reader over Hup-hi on f and Manchuian battlefields, and leaves him at the end possessed without effort of the features of one of the most important problems of the time. Here are many illustrations.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

American (*China*) 31st inst.
Indian (*Kumara*) 31st inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 7th prox.

The Ben Line s.s. *Banader* from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 24th inst., for this port.

The German s.s. *Sophia Richner* left Moji on 25th inst., for this port, and is due to arrive here on 31st prox.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Preussen*, which left here on 27th ult., arrived at Genoa on 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Athena* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong via usual ports, at 4 p.m. on 27th inst.

The N. G. S. S. s.s. *Capri* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kawachi Maru*, European Line, left Shanghai for this port on 29th inst., and is expected here on 1st prox.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Rhinania* from Hamburg, left Shanghai for this port on 29th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on 3rd prox.

The I. C. S. s.s. *Killing* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits, on 27th inst., and may be expected here on or about 24th prox.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kagami Maru*, Bombay Line, left Bombay for this port via Singapore on 27th inst., and is expected here on 14th prox.

HOT CROSS BUNS COLD.

THEIR HISTORY.

Cold-hot cross buns adorn many a breakfast table at this season of the year. Many know that they are connected with Good Friday, but few understand their origin, consequently a word or two regarding them would not be out of place. Although hot-cross buns (served cold) are associated with Good Friday, they are said to have originally a feature of Easter. Antiquarians tell us that before the advent of Christianity the pagans ate cakes in honour of the Goddess Ishtar. When they were converted they could not forego the cakes, so the high priests taught them to sign them with the cross in order to expel all evil and paganism from them. Those who are anxious to find a more ancient origin for the familiar hot-cross bun tell us that it typifies the moon as worshipped by the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. The round bun represents the full moon and the cross its four quarters. Under Christian auspices the buns were originally made of the dough kneaded for the Host, used at Easter, and were marked with the cross for that reason. There was once a belief that the buns would keep a whole year without turning mouldy. It was, therefore, a custom to hang up one or more buns around a home as a charm against evil.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report on the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund, for the year 1906, is as follows:—The amount to the credit of the fund on the 31st December last was \$72,960.20 including \$14,613.37 for interest as per statement appended.

The average monthly contributions amount now to about \$2,700.00.

On the 31st December, 1905, the number of contributors on the books was 497 and on the 31st December, 1906, 551, of whom 703 are bachelors, 330 are married men, and 12 are widows.

During the year, 111 joined the fund, 54 left and 9 died.

The total number of children on the books is 499.

Of the 54 who left, 31 resigned the Government service, and 23 were dismissed.

The 9 subscribers who died were 3 bachelors and 6 married men.

The causes of death were as under:—1 Indian (53) pneumonia; 1 European (27) typhoid fever; 1 Chinese (39) plague bubonic; 1 Chinese (29) died in his country; 1 European (34) delirium tremens; 1 European (1) acute gastro enteritis; 1 Indian (58) cancer; 1 Chinese (22) died in his country; and 1 Chinese (36) died in his country.

There are now on the list 33 pensioners whose pensions in dollars aggregate 13,612.45 per annum as follows:—Mrs. Beavin, \$14.45, Mrs. Moosdeen, 63.67, Mrs. Moore, 230.85, Mrs. Chan Tai, 54.8, Mrs. Alaraka's Child, 48.89, Mrs. Chu Tsau, 61.62, Mrs. Wong Yau, 141.51, Mrs. Chow Hung-Shi's Child, 23.26, Mrs. Lu Lai Shi, 113.26, Mrs. Madan's Daughter, 30.9, Mrs. Wilsey, 27.63, Mrs. Ho Yow Tsai, 187.51, Mrs. Gutierrez, 236.10, Mrs. Robertson, 163.78, Mrs. Cheung Hon Shi, 17.86, Mrs. Fritze, 41.99, Mrs. Ducau, 215.68, Mrs. Hord, 45.4, Mrs. Leung Wong Shi, 34.08, Mrs. Sun Au Yung Shi, 99.46, Mrs. Ku Yu Kyan, 94.03, Mrs. Wong Fung Shi, 93.4, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Rocha, 18.42, Mrs. Gidley, 213.80, Mrs. Williamson, 192.74, Mrs. Luk Man Shi, 115.81, Mrs. Whit, 114.54, Mrs. Collic, 185.46, Tsai So, 31.77, Mrs. Chan Lui Ying, 64.18, Mrs. Wong Li Sze, 15.43, and Mrs. Leong Shi, 90.07. Total, \$5,512.45.

In addition there is one pensioner in sterling, Mrs. Barnes Lawrence, who draws £71.3s. 5d. per annum.

A. M. THOMSON,

Chairman.

L. A. M. JOHNSTON,
E. H. DAQUINO,
DAVID WOOD,
R. LIGOTON,
Directors.

To Balance 1st January, 1906.....\$323,013.67
Contributions.....\$32,844.13
Less Refunds.....29.51

Interest.....2,814.62
14.6 3.37
\$280,441.66

By Pensions paid to Widows.....\$3,502.69

Computed Pensions paid to Widows.....729.90

Pensions paid to Orphans.....63.85

Sums paid on the cancellation of memberships.....2,409.02

Expenses of Management.....600.00

Printing.....56.00

Auditor's fee.....120.00

Balance.....372,960.20

To Unclaimed Pensions:—

Mrs. Beavin.....\$21.09

Moore.....119.92

Alvakra's Child.....77.41

Chu Tsau.....54.43

Wong Yow Lui.....3.41

Chow Hung Shi's Child.....23.26

Wilsey.....82.44

Robertson.....54.60

Freire.....7.01

Hood.....21.52

Ku Yui Kyau.....31.36

Wong Fung Shi.....91.12

Dixon.....83.00

Gidley.....71.27

Chan Lui Ying.....10.68

Leong Shi.....29.86

783.46

Mrs. Barnes Lawrence £71.11 2 at

17 1/2

To Amount of the Fund.....\$722,211.0

\$722,960.20

By Balance deposited with the Co-

vernment.....\$722,960.20

\$722,960.20

GYMHANA NOTES.

The gymkhana season, which makes its debut on the 13th inst., promises to be one of the best that has ever been held, and the Challenge Cup prospects look decidedly rosy. Every owner is hoping that he will be able to vanquish the great "Blue Nile" and carry off the handsome trophy to grace his sideboard. Speaking generally, the ponies that have been kept back in the Colony this time are a more classy lot than usual. We have such good performers as "Ben Elion," "Black Pansy," "Crisis," "Rust," "Vagabond," "Zabeta," "Southdown," "Melrose," "Autumn Rose" and last but not least, last year's winner, the great "Blue Nile." The committee have given us a capital programme and some interesting racing is bound to result. A good idea is the jockey's race for men who have not won more than two races and a good field may be expected over here. The newcomers are being measured for their breeches and racing boots, and I have heard that some of the very new ones even slept in them, but whether this was due to having christened the articles in question too freely, history does not relate.

I append a few times for the benefit of those who do not get an opportunity of witnessing the training:—

Pride of Cadzow, 1 mile, 2-23, last quarter 33, going in capital style. This is a vastly improved pony and must not be left to run unbacked.

Ben Elion, 1 mile, 2-23, last quarter 33; Vagabond, now christened "I readnought," 1 mile, 2-23, last quarter 33.

Crisis, 1 mile 2-2, last quarter 33.

Highland Heather, 1 mile, 2-27, last quarter 34

Manchurian Chief, 1 mile, 2-18, last quarter 33 going easily.

Indian Chief, three quarters, 1-43, last quarter 33.

Black Pansy, 1 mile, 1-47, last quarter 33; a good performance if he had weight up, which I very much doubt.

No Wancher, 1 mile, 2-27, last quarter about 33.

Southdown, 1 mile, 2-22, last quarter 33

Desford, 1 mile, 2-23, last quarter 33

Autumn Rose and No Savvy, 1 mile, 1-5, last quarter 34

Blue Nile and Small Pote, 1 mile, 1-4, last quarter 31; Blue Nile was simply cantering.

The other ponies' times I have not yet managed to obtain.

GYM.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadorie & Co. write on the 28th inst.:—"To-morrow being Good Friday, we are issuing our circular a day earlier than usual. There has been very little doing during the past week, and the business has been confined more or less to adjustments for the settlement, which took place to-day.

Banks.—Sales of Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have taken place at \$85; and the three sellers at \$92. The London quotation is £102.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons are unchanged at \$30. Unions have advanced to \$845 and are wanted.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires are easier and obtainable at \$29. Hongkong Fires are offering at \$40.

Shipping.—China and Manila have weakened to \$17 with sellers. Douglas has been sold at \$34. Indos have been negotiated at \$82, at which rate there are sellers. Shell Transports have declined to 41/2. Star Ferries are steady at \$30. The new shares are quiet at \$12 1/2.

Refineries.—China Sugars have changed hands at \$17 ex the dividend of 8 per share paid to-day. Luxons are unchanged.

Minig.—There are no changes in stocks under this heading. Raubs are quoted at \$3. We are informed by private telegraphic advice from Singapore, that the crash of 3 for the past four weeks yielded 680 oz. gold from 5,638 tons stone.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are weak at \$92. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$130. Shanghai Docks are stronger, and sales have taken place in the North at \$13.93. Hongkong Wharves have had a sharp decline and are now quoted at \$13.26 at which rate business has been done.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been fixed at \$10. Humphreys' Estates have buyers at \$10.10. Shanghai Lands have weakened to \$1.90, closing in request at this rate. Hotels are weaker at \$117.

Cotton Mills.—Exos are down to \$1.71, at which rate there are buyers. Here are no other changes to report.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been placed at \$9. China Providents have been sold at \$9, and more shares can probably be placed at this rate. Davy Farms are unchanged at \$161. The Hongkong Rogers have buyers at 20 ex the dividend of \$1 per share paid on the 23rd inst. Sales have taken place of Steam Whiteboats at \$10. Cumatras have inquiries at \$13.150, and Lyngkats are in demand at \$13.270. Watsons can be placed at \$12.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.....21 1/2

Do demand.....21 1/2 5/16

Do 1 month sight.....21 1/2 1/16

France—Bank T.T.....3.66

America—Bank T.T.....1.51

Germany—Bank T.T.....1.51

India T.T.....1.51

Do demand.....1.51

Shanghai—Bank T.T.....2.23

Singapore T.T.....1 1/2 prem.

Japan—Bank T.T.....1.08

Java—Bank T.T.....1.08

Buying.

4 month sight L/C.....21 1/2

6 month sight L/C.....21 1/2 5/16

30 day sight San Francisco & New York.....21 1/2

30 day sight do.....21 1/2

30 day sight Sydney and Melbourne.....21 1/2

4 month sight France.....21 1/2

4 month sight Germany.....21 1/2

4 month sight do.....21 1/2

Bank of England rate.....21 1/2

Bank of China rate.....21 1/2

Bank of India rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Japan rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Korea rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Siam rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Tonkin rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Yunnan rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Zeylan rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Ceylon rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Malacca rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Sumatra rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Borneo rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Celebes rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Moluccas rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Sulu rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Mindanao rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Luzon rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Iloilo rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Zamboanga rate.....21 1/2

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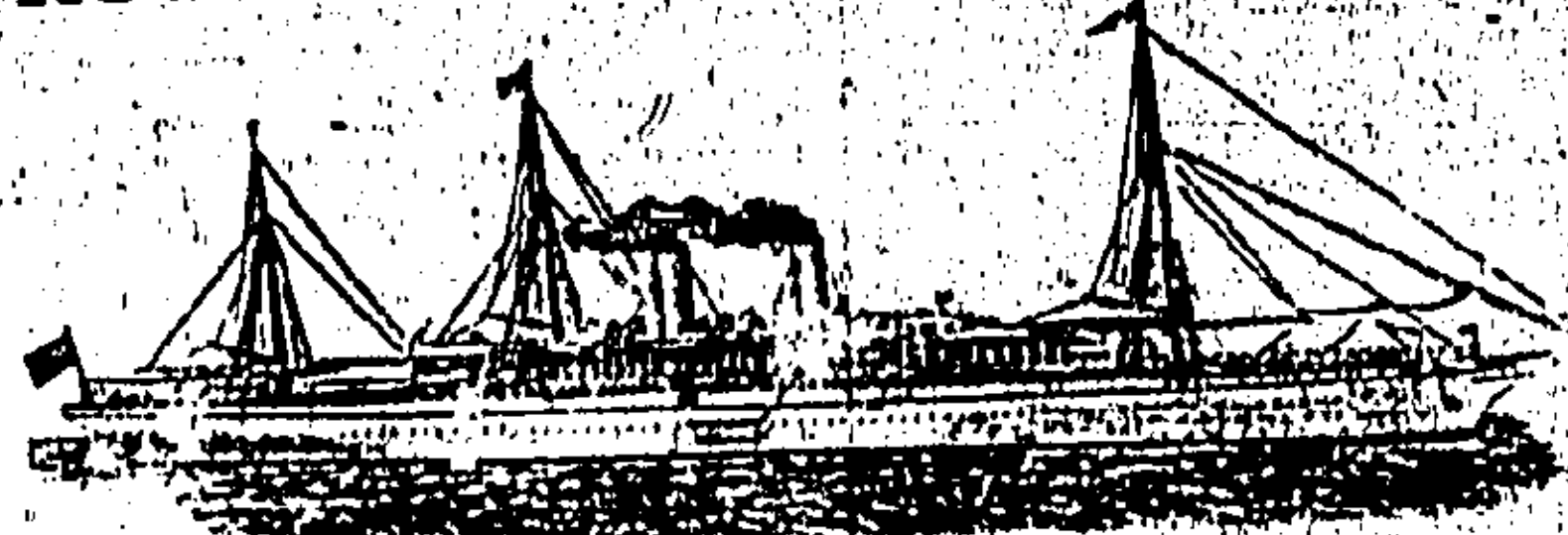
Bank of Manila rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Cebu rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Iloilo rate.....21 1/2

Bank of Zamboanga rate.....21 1/2

Shipping—Steamers.

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R.M.S.	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	THURSDAY, April 11th	April 29th
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, May 1st	May 15th
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000	THURSDAY, May 9th	May 27th
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	WEDNESDAY, May 22nd	June 15th
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000	THURSDAY, June 6th	June 24th
"TARTAR"	4,435	WEDNESDAY, June 13th	July 13th

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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI	CHUOYANG	WEDNES, 3rd April, daylight.
MANILA	YUNSHANG	FRIDAY, 5th April, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	SATURDAY, 6th April, 3 P.M.

These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1907.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO	"KWANGSE"	1st April, 4 p.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	2nd "
SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	2nd "
CHEFOO & NEWCHUANG	"KIUKIANG"	3rd "
CEBU AND ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	6th "
SHANGHAI	"SUNGKIANG"	6th "
TIENSIN	"SHAOHANG"	8th "
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	"HUOHOW"	9th "
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	10th "

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
RUBIN	2540	Almond	MANILA	SATURDAY, 6th April, at Noon
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1907.

HONGKONG—NEW YORK.



FOR NEW YORK via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast).

Steamship	To sail
"ALBENGA"	On or about 12th April.
"ATHOLL"	About the end of April.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1907.

Shipping—Steamers.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	FOR THE STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
RHEINIA 3rd April.	HABSBURG 5th April.
HOHENSTAUFEN 2nd May.	RHEINIA 3rd May.
SILESIA 2nd June.	HOHENSTAUFEN 28th May.
SCANDIA 2nd July.	

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1907.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"VILLE DE LA CIOTAT"

Captain Combe, will be despatched for above, on or about MONDAY, the 1st April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1907.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR"

Captain W. D. A. Thomas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 2nd April, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1907.

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

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THE Steamship

"BORNEO"

Captain F. Semblin, (ready to load on Monday, the 1st April) will leave on TUESDAY, the 2nd April, at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NORDEUTSCHER LOYD, MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1907.

"SHAIR" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE"

will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about the 10th of April.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1907.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR NEW YORK.

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1907.

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S.S. "POLYNESIAN"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M. TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 1st April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd April, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1907.

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "SAINT GEORGE"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd April, at 3 P.M.

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Public Company.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Building, in the Colony of Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th April, 1907, at 11.15 o'clock, in the forenoon, when the Subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

(a) That the words "one and two of Article No. 55 be eliminated except the words 'shall be' at the end of line two and that the words 'The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead and that the words 'Senior Representative' in lines 16 and 17 of Article No. 55 be eliminated and the words 'Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of" be inserted between the word "Managing" and the words "or Agent" in line 4 of Article No. 60.

(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 65a be inserted between Articles 65 and 70:—

65a. "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hong

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
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FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
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THE Steamship

"MALTA."

Captain R. A. Peters, carrying His Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for BOM-
BAY, on SATURDAY, the 6th April, at Noon,
taking Passengers and Cargo for the above
Ports in connection with the Company's
S.S. *Moldavia*, 10,000 tons, from Colombo,
Passengers' accommodation on Hongkong
S.S. and Valuable all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement)
will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail
steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and
London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be
conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Beyrout*,
due in London on 18th May, 1907.
Parcels will be received at this Office until
4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents
and Value of all Packages are required.
For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1907.

ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO,
VIA KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"APPALACHEE" About 20th April.
For Freight and further particulars, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1907.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.
REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG, CALLAO AND IQUIQUE,
VIA JAPAN PORTS
(KARATSU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA).

Will be sent to VALPARAISO if sufficient
inducement.

Steamers Tons To sail
"KASATO MARU" 6,100, April 25, at Noon

Taking Freight and Passengers to other
Eastern and Western Coast ports of South
America in connection with Steamers of the
Pacific S. N. Co.

The above Steamers have splendid Accom-
modation and are fitted throughout with
Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is
carried on each boat.

K. MATSUDA,
Manager,
York Building.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1907.

MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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BOMBAY, ADEN, DJI-
BOUTI, EGYPT, MAR-
SEILLES, LONDON,
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BLACK SEA PORTS.

The S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS,"
Captain Girard, will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 2nd
April, at 1 P.M.

This Steamer connects at Colombo with the
Australian line S.S. *Sydney* bound for Marseilles
via Bombay and Aden.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading
issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:—
S.S. *POLYNESIE* 16th April.
S.S. *VILLE DE LA CROIX* 30th April.
S.S. *SALAZIE* 14th May.
S.S. *OCEANIE* 28th May.
S.S. *TOURANE* 11th June.
S.S. *AUSRAIE* 25th June.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1907.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

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BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

Connecting at Tacoma with
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing
<i>Lyra</i>	4,417	H.C. Armstrong	16th April
<i>Shawmut</i>	9,606	E. V. Roberts	8th May
<i>Tremont</i>	9,606	T. W. Garlick	—

† Cargo only.
* Passenger accommodation, &c.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION,
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The twin-screw S.S. *Shawmut* and *Tremont*
are fitted with very superior accommodation
for first and second class passengers. The
large size of these vessels ensures steadiness
at sea. Electric fan in each room.

Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo
carried in cold storage.

For further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.

Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 28th March, 1907.

Intimations.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

LONDON, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.
ESTABLISHED 1815.

	One Case.	One Case.
	Qts.	Pts.
COGNAC	321.50	—
	19.00	—
	16.00	—
WHISKY, PALL MALL	19.00	—
JOHN WALKER	12.00	—
C. P. & CO.'S SPECIAL BLEND	10.00	—
PORT WINE, INVALIDS	19.00	—
DOURO	13.00	—
SHERRY, AMOROSO	19.00	—
LA TORRE	15.25	—
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M.	38.50	40.50

THE ABOVE EXCLUSIVELY SHIPPED TO

SIEMSEN & CO.

HONGKONG AGENTS.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1906.

ACHEE & CO.

ESTABLISHED 1859.

FURNITURE,

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BASTMAN'S

&c. &c. &c.

KODAKS, FILMS,

AND

ACCESSORIES.

AMATEUR WORK RECEIVES PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.
HONGKONG, 16th May, 1907.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOURIE & CO. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.						
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	Fr. 1000	1125	1125	1,000,000	\$1,721,558	\$1.15 and bonus of 1/2 @ 2/3 = 3/4 making \$1.80 for 1906
National Bank of China, Limited	1,000,000	12	12	1,000,000	\$74,099	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1906
MARINE INSURANCES.						
Union Insurance Office, Limited	1,000	1250	1250	1,000,000	\$233,638	\$20 for 1905
North China Insurance Company, Limited	1,000	125	125	1,000,000	71.185,529	Final of 7/6 making 15 for year ended 30.6.1906
Union Insurance Company of Canton, Limited	24,000	1250	1100	1,000,000	12,722,771	Interim div. of 3/4 for 1905
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	1100	1100	1,000,000	1508,334	11 and 1/2 special dividend for 1904
FIRE INSURANCES.						
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	1100	1100	1,000,000	1,624,483	Final of 1/2 for 1905
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	1250	1250	1,000,000	1435,235	\$20 for 1905
SHIPPING.						
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	125	125	1,000,000	3365	11 for 1906
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	150	150	1,000,000	Nil	1/2 for year ended 30.1.1906
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	10,000	115	115	1,000,000	120,170	1/2 and half-year making \$2.00 for 1906
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	12,243	10/- @ ex. 2/1 9/16 = \$1.69 1905
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	150	150	1,000,000	11,215	Interim div. of 1/2 for 1906
"Star" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	107,815	1/- (Coupon No. 7) for 1906
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	5218	11.5/- for year ending 31.12.1906
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	150	150	1,000,000	8710	Final of 1/2 making 11.6 for 1906
SUGAR.						
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	10,000	1100	1100	1,000,000	9218	Final of 1/2 making 12.5 for 1905
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	10,000	1100	1100	1,000,000	132,588	1/2 for 1905
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	18,915	11.4 (8%) for year ending 31.8.06
MINING.						
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	12,546	Final of 1/2 (No. 7) making 2/- for year ended 28.2.06
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	6,000,000	Interim of 50 cents for account 1906
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	14,873	No. 12 of 1/2 = 48 cents
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.						
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	8,000	125	125	1,000,000	110,335	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	3047	Final of 1/2 making 5/- for 1906
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	400,933	\$6 for year ending 31.12.06
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	52,222	1/2 for 1905
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,397	Final of 1/2 making 11.8 for 1905/6
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,576	Interim div. of 1/2 on account 1906
Do, do, do, (new)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.						
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Central Stores, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Do, do, do, (new issue)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Do, do, do, (Founders)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Do, do, do, (new issue)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
West Point Building Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
COTTON MILLS.						
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Anglo-German Brewery Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
China-Borneo Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
China Light and Power Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hall & Holtz, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Kaushchappi, tot Mij, Bosch, ea Landbouwex- ploitation in Langkat, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Philippine Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai House Bazaar Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai Paper and Paper Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Do, do, do, (Founders)	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
Watson, (A.S.) & Co., Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905
William Powell, Limited	10,000	110	110	1,000,000	115,568	11.8 for 1905

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fresh banking enterprise," and, of course, they are quite justified in believing that shareholders would benefit by the extension of that business; when it takes the form and shape of the Eastern Trading Company, for it is inconceivable that the older banking institutions would maintain elaborate and costly branches for the mere fun of the thing. All is true, as the prospectus says, that "unperilous activity prevails at present; and has for some time prevailed amongst planters in the Colony, the Federated Malay States, and other adjacent parts of the East; but it is doubtful if that can be assigned as a good reason for the establishment of the Company because most of the planters are subsidised by people in Great Britain, while the plantations—the rubber plantations in particular—have been floated with capital obtained in London." One of the principal features of the company's business when it is started will be money-lending, and here we come to the last sentence of the prospectus—"but money-lending is a word new in the prospectus, and new in the minds of the people of the Straits Settlements and F.M.S. district, and it is not a word which the Company undertakes to

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CANTON DAY BY DAY

TRADE BUREAU.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 22nd March.
Having approved of the suggestions received from the officials of the Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, to select a suitable site somewhere in the eastern section of the new bund for the purpose of converting it into a trade-centre in order to promote commerce, H. E. the Viceroy has now given instructions to both the Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce to open an office called the New Trade-centre Bureau, to manage the affairs of the undertaking. The Viceroy has appointed the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu as Director-General, the Kwangchow Prefect Chan Mong Tsang as Deputy-Director and the expectant Prefect Chai Wai Tung as general manager, and the Viceroy has also instructed the two district Magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu to assist them in the work. The establishment of this proposed trade-centre is to be at the expense of the Government, but at present the officials of the Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce are to furnish funds from the Bureau for the undertaking.

TUNGKUN RIOT.

With reference to the riot in the Tung Kun district it is reported that two leaders of this outrage were beheaded on the 19th instant.

LI CHUN HONOURED.

Yesterday an Imperial telegraphic despatch was received here from Peking conferring upon Admiral and Commander Li Chun the button of the first class. The distinction is conferred on the recommendation of H. E. the Viceroy Chow, as Li had contributed to the Government a large sum of money towards the fund for encouraging education through the province.

GAMBLING AND SMOKING.

The Ministry of Army at Peking has sent a despatch to the Canton Viceroy with strict orders to prohibit the military students from cigarette-smoking and gambling, and H. E. the Viceroy Chow has accordingly issued a proclamation to this effect.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

It is the intention of the officials of the Bund Department, in addition to running richmen, horse carriages, etc. upon completion of the bund, to also install an electric tramway for the convenience of the public. Yesterday, Taotai Wen and Leung accompanied by the manager of Messrs. Carlowitz & Co. and a German electrical engineer waited on H. E. the Viceroy to discuss with him about the installation of an electric tramway.

MR. HAYRE DROZZE.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock H. E. the Viceroy received the Netherlands Consul of Hongkong, Mr. F. J. H. Drozze.

DEAR RICE.

Canton, 23rd March.
Owing to the considerable rise in the price of rice and firewood, the Kwangchow Prefect, Chan Mong Tsang, is now devising means to bring about a reduction in the prices of these staples of daily necessity. Chan has now instructed expectant Magistrate Chan Kai Tsang to proceed on a tour of investigation through the districts of Namhoi, Panyu and Shuntai, and to inquire as to what quantity of rice, there is remaining in stock in those districts. He is also instructed to exert the different rice merchants to reduce the price on rice. The rise in the price of firewood is no doubt due to the large consumption of firewood in the silk factories of these districts. Deputy Chan is also instructed to inquire as to what quantity of firewood is consumed every day in each of the factories, and to ask the silk manufacturers to substitute the use of coal instead of firewood for their factories.

FAMINE FUNDS.

The Canton Christian College students are opening a subscription list towards the funds for the help of the famine-stricken people of the province of Kiangsu.
H. E. the Viceroy Chow has sent a telegraphic memorial to the Throne, stating that at present there are too many expectant magistrates waiting for posts, and requesting the Throne to instruct the Ministry of Civil Affairs to stop sending expectant officials to this province, for at least three years.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.

The Canton authorities propose to place the Whampoa Government Naval Docks under mercantile management.

INSPECTOR OF MINTS.

H. E. Chan Bik, Inspector of Imperial Mints, will leave here this afternoon at 3 o'clock for Hongkong en route for Fukien province, where he will continue his investigations into the working of the Imperial Mints. H. E. the Viceroy and other officials, both military and civil, will assemble at the Tien Tze wharf to wish H. E. farewell.

THE RICE MARKET.

It is the proposal of the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu to instruct the Chan Fung Chu to issue 10,000 taels to the Chinese Bank for the purpose of buying rice from foreign markets to relieve the stringency of the Canton rice market.

THE JUDGE OF KWANGSI.

Provincial Judge Wong of Kwangsi arrived here yesterday. Wong is proceeding to Kwangsi to take up that post temporarily.

MACHINERY FOR GOVERNMENT FACTORIES.

It is reported that the authorities of the Government Naval Docks, the Canton Government Paper Factory, the Arsenal, the Canton branch of the Chinese Imperial Telegraph Administration and the Canton Government Cement Works have jointly presented a petition to H. E. the Viceroy, requesting him to memorialize the Throne, to instruct the Phui Wu Chu at Peking to exempt all materials and machinery destined for these factories from paying duty.

CUSTOM COMMISSIONERS.

On Monday H. E. the Viceroy will receive Mr. T. D. Moorhead, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Canton Customs, and Mr. Parr, the Commissioner of the Kowloon Customs.

IRON BRIDGE COMPANY.

Canton, 23rd March.
The Canton River Iron Bridge Company has now closed its registers for shares, as the required capital (\$1,000,000) has been already fully subscribed. It is intended to open the company's registers for one month, for the public to take up shares, but before the first week was out the required number of shares was fully and eagerly taken up by the general public.

SHIPPING FATALITY.

On the 23rd instant when the steam launch *Chai Yee* was towing a boat from Kwan Shan to the Hongkong District, the boat was upset, owing to the overloading of the launch and the inexperience of the crew. At the time of the accident, there were about 15 persons on board the boat, but all were rescued.

KERMINE SHOP ATTACHED.

Yesterday, by order of the Magistrate of Namhoi, one of the kermine shops of Tung Fung Street, was sealed up by the officials. It is reported that this is the outcome of the non-settlement of certain accounts, due to a foreign firm.

H. E. CHAN BIK CONSULTED.

When H. E. Chan Bik, Inspector of Imperial Mints, was in Canton, although he is purely on a tour of inspection of the different mints, he was called upon by a great number of railway directors and shareholders, who troubled him with railway questions. But it seems that H. E. paid very little attention to railway affairs and only received them as visitors from here. H. E. Chan Bik, Inspector of Imperial Mints, appointed the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu as superintendent of the Canton Mint, with Taotai Fong as general manager.

WATERWORKS REGULATIONS.

The regulations drawn up, governing the management of the Canton Water Works, have been submitted by Taotai Chui, the general manager, to H. E. the Viceroy for approval. H. E. has approved of the regulations and an extra clause is to be added to those already approved, to the effect that every household who has the water service laid on in his house, will be entitled to the free use of water for the first month.

RICE IN FATSHAN.

The price of rice at Fatshan has also risen correspondingly with the price in Canton, so, on the 22nd instant, a meeting of both officials and the people was held there, to arrive at some means for lowering the price of the food-stuff.

TAOTAI WEI HAN.

Taotai Wei Han, who was formerly a secretary of foreign affairs to Viceroy Viceroy Hui, is now a Director of the Whampoa Naval College. This officer can speak fluently several languages, including English, French, and German, and his services are much appreciated by H. E. the Viceroy. On the recommendation of Viceroy Hui, Wei is to be transferred to Shechuan, to assist H. E. there when he takes over the office of Viceroy of Shechuan. Taotai Wei is expected to leave here about the 2nd of next month, accompanied by a number of first class students of the naval college, over which he is director. These naval students will continue their course of education in the North.

POLICE DETECTIVES.

The Canton Police Authorities of the Head Police Station have selected from each of the sub-police station, four suitable police officers, and have appointed them detectives.

POLICE ROWDIES.

On the afternoon of the 23rd instant, a number of members of the police force of the Honam Police Station, attempted to enter the Honam Theatre, without paying for their admission, but the doorkeepers refused to admit them, consequently a fight ensued. The officers blew their whistles and a large body of their comrades answered the call. Then they all came and attacked the theatre people and ultimately took away two of the theatre men to the police station. The officer in charge of the said station was present at the scene, but instead of getting his men under control and thus restoring order, he exhorted his subordinates to continue the disturbance. The two men who were taken to the station are reported to have been seriously wounded. This is the second occasion of my having to report the police attempting to enter a theatre without paying for their admission.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

Lately an examination of female students was held. The successful ones will be appointed female teachers, by the Government, to the different schools throughout this province. From present steps taken by the Government, it is evident that they fully intend to bring female education of this province up to a high standard in a short space of time.

CANTON, 26th March.

The Canton-Hankow Railway Company has posted up a notice announcing that no ticket for the admission of railway shareholders to the extraordinary meeting, to be held on the 30th day of the present month, will be issued to those of the so-called Hongkong railway shareholders, under the leadership of Messrs. Chan Kang Yui, Chan Chik Yui and Yeung Sai Ngam, who have not remitted their capital to the company. H. E. the Viceroy has now instructed the Magistrate of Namhoi to issue orders to have this notice torn down and destroyed. On account of this action the directors of the company held a meeting yesterday at the Company's office, to discuss the matter.

A rumor is current here that the Canton Government Railway Bureau will be abolished on the 10th instant.

With reference to the trouble between the Honam police and the Honam theatre people, which was reported yesterday, the officer in charge of the station concerned has been dismissed from service, and all the members of the force concerned have been severely reprimanded. The Honam theatre was ordered to be closed, pending the settlement of this affair.

FAMINE RELIEF.

After consultation with H. E. Chang Pat Sze, H. E. the Viceroy has decided to purchase twenty thousand taels of rice from the province of Kwangsi, for the help of the people of Kwangtung and has dispatched a telegram to the Governor of Kwangsi concerning the intended purchase. Within the last few days rice has been imported into Canton in large quantities daily.

ENCOURAGING EDUCATION.

The Viceroy has given instructions to the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu to make arrangements for the opening of a Government bookstall, for the students of the two Kwang provinces, wherein all kinds of Chinese books and school utensils may be procured.

VILLAGE ROBBERY.

A case of robbery occurred at Ping Kong village in the district of Hok Shan of the clan Sung, on the 23rd instant. A large body of men entered the village and ransacked nine houses. An old woman of the village about eighty years of age attempted to raise the alarm, but the robbers killed her outright. The villagers, on learning of the murder, at once assembled together, and attacked the robbers, with the result that one of the robbers was severely wounded. The district Magistrate, who happened to be not far away from the scene of the outrage, appeared on the scene the next day to examine the corpse of the unfortunate woman.

ANTI-OPPIUM ASSOCIATION.

Yesterday, a meeting of the Canton Anti-Opium Association was held at the Association's headquarters at Wongshe. It was decided to send several members of the Association to attend the opening ceremony of the new-formed Fatshan Anti-Opium Association, at Fatshan, and several members were nominated to deliver lectures on the opium evil, in different parts of the city.

SALTS AND WEIGHTS.

Canton, 27th March.
Taotai Lo, who was a short time ago sent to Shanghai by H. E. the Viceroy to inquire into the question of scales and weights there, has returned with those used here, has submitted a report of his investigation. He has found that for every 100 taels weight of the Customs weight in the North, the Canton Customs weight is heavier by 12 mace, the Provincial Treasurer's heavier by 22 mace, and the Canton Commissioner's heavier by 32 mace. By comparison with the Shanghai official weight for every 100 taels, the Canton Customs weight is lighter by 7.8 mace, the Provincial Treasurer's 8 mace and the Salt Commissioner's 1.8 mace. H. E. the Viceroy has accordingly requested the Kwan-wu-chu to take up the question of adjusting the different weights in use.

LIXIN COLLECTIONS.

Yesterday, the Viceroy forwarded to Peking taels 864,128.774, being the collection of Lixin for the first half year from the 1st moon to the 6th moon of last year, and taels 34,159.177 being the Lixin on salt for the same period last year.

CEMENT.

Taotai Liu and Hui returned from Hongkong yesterday after sundry investigations in relation to the working of the Canton Government Cement Works in Honam and the Canton Government Industrial Institute.

FAMINE IN CHEKIANG.

A telegram has been received by H. E. the Viceroy from the Governor of the province of Chekiang stating that the famine-stricken people of that province are at present in urgent need of help and that he is intending to send orders to Canton for the purchase of a large quantity of rice for that province.

THEATRE LEASED.

The lease of the new theatre at Chuen Lung Hau in the eastern section of the bund has ultimately been granted to Tang Pang Ying and others at an annual rental of \$27,000 for a term of two years, but not three years as asked for by the tenderers.

ANTHROPOMY MINES.

Messrs. Goeke & Co., Shanghai, have petitioned the Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, asking for permission to open certain anthropolymy mines in Kuei-Kong district and stating that the Company is willing to pay a royalty of \$10 for every picul of the metal obtained from these mines.

ENGLISH DOCTOR BLACKMAILED.

On the 27th inst., the British Consul-General at Canton forwarded a despatch to H. E. the Viceroy stating that he has received word from an English doctor at Fatshan to the effect that certain notorious robbers have sent him a letter, demanding a sum of \$5,000 from him. The Consul requests the Viceroy to at once look into the matter and arrest the robbers and offer the doctor the necessary protection. The doctor, a short time ago, had also a large sum of money stolen from him.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

At half past three o'clock, on the 27th inst., the train from Shek-wai-tong to Fatshan was exceedingly overcrowded with passengers. One of the passengers a man named Shi, was obliged to stand outside by the door of the train. When the train was approaching the Fire-Eye Bridge he was unable to keep his balance, and fell off the car. The man was run over by the cars and was instantly killed.

EXECUTIONS.

On the 25th instant, thirty-seven criminals, who have been sentenced to death for various crimes, were executed at Kong Po Camp at Sai-Ching. These criminals were chiefly robbers and pirates.

ANTI-OPPIUM ASSOCIATION.

On the 26th instant the newly formed Anti-Opium Association of Fatshan was formally opened and the ceremony was performed at its headquarters. There was a large attendance, including several local officials, and lectures were delivered by the different members and the Canton representatives of the Anti-Opium Association, on the opium evil.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

The Canton-Normal College for female students will be formally opened on the 31st instant. H. E. the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu, and other officials will be present at the opening ceremony.

EXPECTANT MAGISTRATE ARRESTED.

On the 27th instant H. E. the Viceroy issued a warrant for the arrest of Ng Chak Chi, an expectant magistrate, who is at present residing at a lodging house. Upon inquiry it transpired that the cause of Ng's arrest was in connection with some charge against him concerning the Kiangnan Imperial Mint. He is now in custody of the Namhoi Magistrate, pending further investigations.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

A meeting of railway shareholders will be held in the Railway Shareholders Association at the Mun Lau Shi Wuen, to discuss matters and to draw up a protest against the directors of the Canton-Hankow Railway for refusing to admit the Hongkong shareholders under the leadership of Chan Kang Yu and two others, to take part in the extraordinary meeting of shareholders on the 2nd proximo.

A NEW JOURNAL.

A newspaper under the title of "Comments on Railway Affairs" is established, and will shortly make its first appearance. The promoters of the undertaking are "Taotai Kwong-tung" and "Chai Hanlin Chung Sik" Wong. The principal object of this paper will be to publish and discuss railway questions in connection with the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, and to try and bring about good management and harmony with the Company. It is the promoters' intention to stop the issue of this paper, if they can succeed in their endeavours.

HONAM THEATRE DISTURBANCE.

It is reported that in dealing with the case in which some members of the Honam police force and the Honam theatre people were implicated, and which has been already reported, the local officials have fined the members of the Honam theatre several thousand dollars, with the alternative of closing up their theatre permanently. The theatre people have agreed to pay the fine.

MESSRS. HOWARTH, BRINKIN & CO.

On Saturday at 10 o'clock H. E. the Viceroy will receive the manager of Messrs. Howarth, Brinkin & Co., engineers of Shanghai, and at 11 o'clock H. E. will receive the manager of the International Banking Corporation of Shanghai.

ROBBERY.

A robbery was committed at Ho Tong village in the Namhoi district, on the 24th instant. About a dozen robbers entered the village and ransacked ten houses. The villagers were unable to offer resistance, owing to the absence of firearms, but nevertheless, two villagers fought the robbers with chopsticks, and a third with a knife. The robbers ultimately escaped with the spoils.

RIVER TRADE.

BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL ATTACHE CONFERS WITH MERCHANTS.

Victoria, 26th March.
Mr. A. Boile, the British Commercial Attaché, visited Wuchow yesterday, and lost no time in conferring with the representatives of British firms, as to trade conditions on the West River. Mr. Boile's visit was but a brief one, but he got through a lot of work during his short stay here and some tangible result of greater facilities to British trade are expected as a result of the visit.

THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD.

"VORWARTS"

HER MAIDEN TRIP TO THE FAR EAST.

The Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company's liner *Vorwärts*, the latest addition to the Company's fleet, which arrived in port last Wednesday on her maiden voyage to the Far East, was thrown open to public inspection this afternoon. A large number of invitations had been issued by the captain and his agents to inspect the new ship and as the condition of the weather was favourable quite a select party took the opportunity for an outing.

The guests were received by Captain Colledani, and after the vessel had been inspected refreshments were served. "Success to the *Vorwärts*" being enthusiastically honoured.

That the *Vorwärts* is an up-to-date vessel in every respect was the general opinion of those present. This vessel there is accommodation for forty-eight passengers, there being two three-berth cabins, eleven two-berth, and twenty single. The latter cabins are provided with doors communicating with one another, an improvement recently introduced on ocean liners greatly appreciated by friends occupying adjoining cabins. The height of the port-holes above water allows of them being opened in any weather, the cabins being built on the upper and promenade decks. The gangways are lofty, well lighted and ventilated, and should be cool even in the hottest climate.

The lavatory and bath-room accommodation is also first-class, the four new being of the additional luxury. There is a very comfortable smoking-room, which also contains writing-tables, and the ladies' saloon is a cosy and handsomely upholstered apartment, furnished with a piano and plenty of easy chairs and lounges. The dining saloon is a large and airy apartment, with numerous windows on three sides in place of the usual small port-holes, an improvement which will be much appreciated by passengers during hot weather. A glance at the engine room went to show that all the latest and best machinery has been put into the vessel. She has triple-expansion engines of 3,600 indicated horse-power, and on her trial trip she made 14.7 knots. There are four single-ended boilers, with Howden's forced draught. The thrust-block and shaft-bearings are fitted with a patent water-cooling apparatus, while the ammonia-chamber has a patent door by which the chamber can be hermetically sealed in case of emergency in a few seconds. The steering of the ship is controlled by Brown's patent hydraulic steering gear. The refrigerators accommodate in one a very large scale, there being separate refrigerators for meat, vegetables, and wine, in addition to a large ice-chamber. The kitchen and bakery are also fitted with the latest improvements, and the ship is lit throughout by electricity. In addition to being a first-class ocean liner of modern type, the *Vorwärts* is remarkable as indicating the expedition with which ship-building is carried on nowadays in well-appointed yards. She was launched at Trieste on September 21st last year. After being about eight months on the stocks, she was fitted ready for sea on December 8th. Yet in no part of the ship is there any indication of "scamping" from the bridge to the engine-room everything is solid and substantial, and the comfort of passengers travelling on the *Vorwärts* is assured. Captain Colledani is to be congratulated on the command of a very fine ship, and the Austrian Lloyd Company on their latest addition to their fleet.

TERRIBLE MURDERS AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

The *Japan Advertiser* translates from the *Vladivostok* the following details of the latest of the terrible series of murders which have during recent months shocked Vladivostock. This affair took place about March 23rd at No. 21, Komarovskaya Street, and the victims were members of the families of Pavloff and Kruloff.

On the Monday morning, March 4th, a Chinese water carrier took water to the house as usual. Opening the outer door of the lodgings, which was not locked, he called out to the mistress of the house. When nobody appeared in answer to his call, he opened the second door, and on seeing Mrs. Pavloff lying in a pool of blood, he rushed outside with a cry of terror and reported the fact to the neighbours. In the first room on the floor, in a pool of blood, lay Mrs. Pavloff in one hand, which lay on her breast, she held a box of matches, and in the other a match which had already been struck. From this it is inferred that the deceased herself opened the door for a murderer. A little further lay her two-year-old daughter, from whose head the brains were issuing; the child had apparently been slain with a blow on the head from some blunt weapon. On the bed lay the master of the house, Mark Pavloff, covered with knife wounds. In the next room, where Pavloff's lodger, Kruloff, lived with his wife and two children, in the middle of the floor lay Kruloff himself with outspread hands and feet a little further away lay his son, without the head; on the bed lay a second child, also headless. Disorder reigned throughout the house, trunks and chest of drawers were open, things scattered about the floor, the lamp upset, table and chairs moved to the end of the room. All this affords ground for believing that the murders had been committed wholly with the object of plunder.

A RUSSO-CHINESE SHIPPING COMPANY.

IMPORTANT NEW ENTERPRISE.
The Tokio Foreign Department is in receipt of the following telegram from the Japanese Commercial Agent at Vladivostock:—According to a Russian paper published here, a Russo-Chinese S.S. Company has been established by certain Chinese and Russian capitalists for the purpose of promoting trade between Vladivostock, Saghalien, Nicolayev, China, and India. In addition to shipping business, the Company will carry on various other enterprises of a nature to promote commerce in general. The Company intends to start steamship services between Europe, Russia, and the East. The *Komatsuki* will be one of the vessels which the Company will run. The head office of the Company will be at Odessa, and there will be branches at Vladivostock and certain ports in the Amur region.

THE S.S. "KWONG SAI"

A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL TRIP.

The trial steam steamer *Kwong Sai*, formerly known as the *Kwong Shue*, which was associated with the typhoon of the 18th September since she foundered off Kowloon Point, a victim to the disastrous storm—being subsequently raised by the Danish salvage steamer *Proteus*, and completely repaired by the Dock Co., went out on her trial trip from Hongkong Bay on Thursday last, at 11 a.m., reported in our last. The trial trip proved a complete success. The *Kwong Sai*, practically speaking, a brand new ship and compares favourably with any other boat on the Canton run of its size. Her superstructure, which for the most part had to be rebuilt adds materially to the accommodation found on the former *Kwong Shue*. The entire rebuilding reflects creditably on the Dock Company's staff, who are responsible for the quick and span condition of the vessel to-day. Her passenger accommodation is entirely up to date, the cabins being provided with electric fans—an indispensable article during the summer months. Captain E. S. Crowe has command of this ship. We wish the *Kwong Sai* every success on her return to the Canton trade.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report on the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund, for the year 1906, is as follows:—The amount to the credit of the fund on the 31st December last was \$273,950.20 including \$14,617.37 for interest as per statement appended.
The average monthly contributions amount now to about \$2,700.00.

On the 31st December 1906, the number of contributors on the books was 497, and on the 31st December, 1906, 551, of whom 209 are bachelors, 356 are married men, and 12 are widows.

During the year, 111 joined the fund, 54 left and 9 died.

The total number of children on the books is 499.

Of the 54 who left, 31 resigned the Government service and 23 were dismissed.
The 9 subscribers who died were 3 bachelors and 6 married men.

The causes of death were as under:—1 Indian (2) pneumonia; 1 European (7) typhoid fever; 1 Chinese (3) plague, bubonic; 1 Chinese (2) died in his country; 1 European (3) delirium tremens; 1 European (1) acute gastritis; 1 Indian (3) cancer; 1 Chinese (2) died in his country; and 1 Chinese (1) died in his country.

There are now on the list 33 pensioners whose pensions in dollars aggregate \$5,614.45, as follows:—Mrs. Beavin, \$14.45; Mrs. Moorehead, 6.66; Mrs. Moorehead, 6.66; Mrs. Chan Tai, 8.88; Mrs. Alarick's Child, 8.88; Mrs. Chu Tsau, 8.88; Mrs. Wong Yau, 1.11; Mrs. Chow Hung Shi's Child, 4.44; Mrs. Lo Lai Shi, 11.11; Mrs. Madai's Daughter, 3.33; Mrs. Willey, 24.63; Mrs. Ho Yow Tai, 18.75; Mrs. Guiterres, 23.61; Mrs. Robertson, 16.78; Mrs. Cheung Hon Shi, 17.86; Mrs. Freire, 41.99; Mrs. Duncan, 31.68; Mrs. Hood, 45.04; Mrs. Leung Wong Shi, 34.08; Mrs. So Au Yung Shi, 99.48; Mrs. K. Y. K. Yau, 94.33; Mrs. Wong Fung Shi, 9.44; Mrs. Dixon, 23.80; Mrs. Roche, 18.75; Mrs. Gidley, 23.80; Mrs. Williamson, 19.74; Mrs. Luk Man Shi, 11.81; Mrs. White, 11.84; Mrs. Colman, 18.46; Tai So, 31.77; Mrs. Chan Lui Yung, 64.18; Mrs. Wong Li Shi, 15.43; and Mrs. Leong Shi, 9.07. Total, \$5,614.45.

In addition there is one pensioner in sterling, Mrs. Barnes Lawrence, who draws £71. 3s. 6d. per annum.

M. THOMSON, Chairman.

L. A. M. JOHNSTON, Z. H. D'AMICO, DAVID WOOD, R. CROFTON, Directors.

To Balance 1st January, 1906, \$13,013.67

Contributions, 53,844.13

Less Refunds, 29.51

Interest, 32,814.61

14,617.37

\$280,441.66

By Pensions paid to Widows, 3,502.69

Commuted Pensions paid to Widows, 739.00

Pensions paid to Orphans, 55.85

Sums paid on the cancellation of memberships, 2,409.01

Expenses of Management, 600.00

Printing, 50.00

Auditor's fee, 125.00

Balance, 272,950.20

\$280,441.66

To Unclaimed Pensions:—

Mrs. Beavin, 21.11

Mrs. Moorehead, 11.11

Alarick's Child, 77.77

Chu Tsau, 8.88

Wong Yau Lui, 3.33

Chow Hung Shi's Child, 4.44

Willey, 24.63

Robertson, 16.78

GARDNER FOULY MURDERED.

Im Chuen Man said he was the managing partner of the plaintiff Company. The Chinese law firm formerly occupied No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and defendant occupied a portion of the premises on the top floor. He said that the plaintiff Company had the right to use the premises for the year in advance, and defendant was not promised to stay by any body.

Mr. Crist said that the defence was "in the defence made no arrangement whatever with these people who were suing." He did go down to see the place for the husband and wife, and the people took him to the room where the husband was staying, and he stayed by the door for the purpose of the premises a month before the fire, and the rent was to be paid and services were given him. But he was

THE FUTURE OF SHANGHAI.

Minutes their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him.

On behalf of the Directors,
W. A. GREIG, Chairman.

We have had occasion lately to comm

thirty and forty square miles, and added to the present area would be the size which Shanghai should attain by 1904. The carrying out of such a programme is necessary for the well-being of the city.

pushed to a successful conclusion. The time has also come when the whole of Pootung should

future development of Chinese economic interests, her statement will use the wisdom of granting the application of the shareholders of the C. M. S. N. Co.

PARK MARSH.

records the fact that the arrival at Canton and early investigation by the Inspector of Special Mines from Peking has led to the

mission of inquiry. It is earnestly hoped that the result of the mission of the Im-

tion Company, 42 Avenue, 1st Fl.,
New York, N.Y. 10018, via Quaker, and via children
channel, Norwegian Air, 2000
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